

Saint Robert's Church



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SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

There is a six month period of preparation for the celebration of this Sacrament. Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the rectory in case of serious illness and before surgery and hospital care.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

High school students call the Religious Education Office. Adult confirmation is available on an individual basis. Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

There is a period of preparation for the celebration of this Sacrament. Parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptismal class. Please contact the rectory in advance.

SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST

Vigil Mass 4:30 pm (Saturday)

Sundays: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am and 5:00 pm

Holy Days: Please consult weekly bulletin.

Weekdays: Masses are on Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 6:30 a.m. and Monday through Saturday at 8:30 a.m. *Communion Services* are held Wednesday and Thursday at 6:30 a.m.

Our Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring the Eucharist to the sick or homebound.

Please contact the Rectory.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday: 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm or call 589-2800 to make an appointment.

Dear Parishioners,

THE WEEK AHEAD

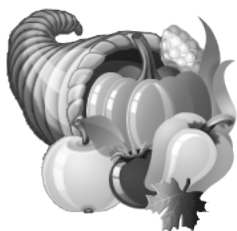
Hopefully your Thanksgiving allowed you to reunite with relatives and friends in the spirit of charity. This time of the year can feel like a flurry as dates are filled with holiday work parties and the annual daily countdown of days left of shopping.

Today marks the first Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the Church's liturgical year. Advent is the time of the year when we anticipate the coming of Jesus. Jesus' nativity, or birth not only reveals a day in history that we commemorate but it is the event that leads to our opportunity to receive a share in God's eternal life. Advent also celebrates *the* second coming of Jesus. With this in mind, let us allow our hearts to reflect on the true gift given to us during this Advent season.

The scriptures help us recall that we are human. Despite falling short of God's will, he has remained faithful to us. St. Paul tells us that we are in fellowship with Christ and that we are reinforced spiritually. In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus tells the disciples, "Be alert." During the weeks building up to the coming of Jesus, try to take moments of prayer to aid you in seeing how the Lord has come to us in the past year. Hopefully, your advent season will harvest an experience of strength and resolve for the ongoing pilgrimage to the eternal kingdom of the Lord.

God Bless,

Seminarian Hansel



Monday-December 1st

Mass Intention	6:30	Sister Pauline †
	8:30	Frank Vidulich †

Tuesday-December 2nd

Mass Intention	6:30	Betty St. Claire †
	8:30	John P. Murphy †
Adult Religious Ed	9:15am	Mary's Chapel
Rel Ed/Gr 1-5	3:30pm	Church & Hall
Rel Ed/Gr 6-8	6pm	Hall
Legion of Mary	6:30pm	Library

Wednesday-December 3rd

Mass Intention	6:30	Communion Service
	8:30	Frank Vidulich †
Grief Support Cmt	9am	Mary's Chapel
9:30am Mass Choir	7pm	Church

Thursday-December 4th

Mass Intention	6:30	Communion Service
	8:30	Ruth N. Lindsey †
Children's Choir	3pm	Church
RCIA	7pm	Convent Chapel

Friday-December 5th

Mass Intention	6:30	Terry Cunningham †
	8:30	Catherine D'Aquisto †
Men's Club Crab Dinner	6:30pm	Hall

Saturday-December 6th

Mass Intention	8:30	Joseph & Elda Salvi †
	4:30	Lloyd Lagomarsino †
Euch. Adoration	9am	Church
AA Meeting	10am	Mahoney Room
1st Reconciliation	11am	Church
Christian/Muslim Dinner	6pm	Offsite
Grief/Consolation Support Mtg.	3pm	Convent Chapel

Sunday-December 7th

Mass Intention	7:30	Sarah Costanzo †
	9:30	Mary Shick †
	11:30	Gary DeFante †
	5pm	People of St. Robert's

Schedules for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors & Altar Servers are also available on the web at www.saintroberts.org.



As a Parish Community we pray ...for
The people of God. During this season of Advent, may we watch and wait in joyful expectation for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**WE CONGRATULATE
THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Celyn Bonifacio-DeLeon
Kristen Mamaril DelPrado
Isabel Mei Lapena
Sophia May Vella

Consolation Ministry - Saint Robert's Grief Support Group will hold their next meeting on **December 6th** in the Convent Chapel from 3 to 4:15 p.m. (before the 4:30 p.m. Mass). Anyone who is suffering from the loss, whether (recent or not so recent) of a loved one—spouse, sibling, child, parent, friend or relative is invited to come and pray, share, comfort and be comforted. You are invited to bring a companion for support and strength. God Bless you in your sorrow.

*We continue to ask each week that parishioners pray for the chronically ill of our parish.
If you have a friend or loved one in need of our parish prayers please call the Rectory at 589-2800.*

School News

MY SCHOOL'S COOL FUNDRAISER

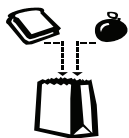
This fundraiser began August 1, 2008** and will continue until May 30, 2009. **Shop anywhere** at the Tanforan Mall, Food Court, Century ticket stubs and concession at theatre. Save your receipts and Deposit them at SR Locker (located by Sears) or drop them off at the Rectory/School Points = Dollars for St. Robert's Questions, call Chris Peterson at 650-827-1748
**We will still accept receipts back as far as the August 1st date.



Our sincere sympathy to the family of
Anthony Bolla
who died recently



GIFTS FOR THE HOMEBOUND-Many members of our Parish Family are homebound or in nursing facilities due to serious illness or advanced years. During Advent, we say to our Lord: *"Come, Lord Jesus!"* This hope is in their hearts as well. We can bring Jesus' love to them by placing a gift in the basket on our altar steps. Some suggestions are: white knee socks, lap robes, slippers, robes, dusters, nightgowns, pajamas, notes of encouragement. The only requisite is that your gifts be new, not used, and unwrapped. **Thank you.**



AIDS LUNCH-December 10th

We are scheduled for the 2nd Wednesday of each month. If you can prepare a favorite cookie, snack or lunch item for 10 to 12 people, please drop it off at the Children's Chapel, in the back of Church, by 9 a.m. on **December 10th**. Please pack the items in a non-returnable container. Frozen items *are ok!* Thanks to everyone who contributes!

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submission of weekly bulletin announcements is **Tuesday at noon**. Please submit announcements in writing to Kathy or Judy in the Rectory Office, fax us at 588-9628 or email parishsec@saintroberts.org.- **Thank you!**

STEWARDSHIP

**The collection figures
for November 23rd
and November 30th
will be in the bulletin of December 7th.**

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
As of 11/18/08 **360 Families** have pledged
\$84,775.10.
Our goal this year is \$95,100.00
Thank you for your generous donation.

Sign up for E-Contributions
Go to www.saintroberts.org and click on the e-contributions button.
There is no cost to you for this service.

MINISTER SCHEDULE/DEC 6 & 7

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Msgr. Dreier

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Scannell (C)

Y. Olcomendy, J. Beltrano, A. Ciraulo, J. Waldvogel,
B. Moniz, T. Dachauer, R. Aveson, K. Hornung

Lectors: B. Rudometkin and J. Cronin

Altar Servers: L. Balestieri and C. Lynch

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. O'Dell

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Soracco (C)

J. Aldinger, R. Jardin, E. Ruggiero, L. Quintana

Lectors: A. Reyes and P. Lusic

Altar Servers: E. Johnston and M. Kelly

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Schaukowitz

Eucharistic Ministers: L. Cesca (C)

K. Semenza, M. Zamattia, L. Rodriguez, L. Canaya,
M. Quilici, M.A. Saisi, M. Bologna, A. Romine

Lectors: J. Valdez

Altar Servers: K. Thompson, M. Tankeh and M. McHale

Children's Liturgy: Mark & Hilda and Danny & Sandy

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Schaukowitz

Eucharistic Ministers: D. Murphy (C)

G. May, N. Bamba, F. Firpo, C. Morgan, R. Benavente,
L. Sing, D. Fernandez, M. Fernandez

Lectors: H. Valle and M. Cadiz

Altar Servers: M. Thompson and F. Nuti

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Ring

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Salvato (C)

M. Elmore, P. Landholt, G. Landholt, M. Santiago,
V. Hawkins, M. Dowden, M. Alberouette, D. Ferris

Lector: G. Jurkowitz and M. Innes

Altar Servers: E. Wright and M. Grealish

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-December 1st

Readings: Is 2:1-5 Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday-December 2nd

Readings: Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday-December 3rd

Readings: Is 25:6-10a Mt 15:29-37

Thursday-December 4th

Readings: Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21,24-27

Friday-December 5th

Readings: Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31

Saturday-December 6th

Readings: Is 30:19-21,23-26 Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8

Sunday-December 7th

Readings: Is 40:1-5,9-11 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8

Living the Liturgy

Advent Is Here!

In the first reading, the Jewish people plead with God, "Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down...Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways!" Perhaps, if we were living in Gaza or Congo or the violent provinces of Iraq, we could identify with the desperation in these words. Our own economic crisis gives us an inkling of what they were experiencing. Like the Wall Street greed which led to our situation, the Israelites know that God seems far away because they have turned their backs on their ever-faithful God. Though not a penitential season like Lent, Advent does have its own invitation to look at our lives from God's point of view. If God loved us enough to send his son, what has our response been? After acknowledging their guilt, the first reading ends, "Yet, O Lord, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands." What a lovely, tender image! Are we supple enough to be shaped by God's action in our lives? Can those of us who like to be in charge, let go enough to surrender to what God's plans for us might be? The readings, music, and environment during this season call us to reflection in the midst of the noise and hectic pace of preparations for his coming in the flesh. Could we take a few minutes during our lunch break or once the kids are in bed or instead of watching television, to just sit and listen for God's voice? What gradual, gentle molding is the Spirit doing in your life? *Peace, Sr. Sheral*

Two Socially Responsible Christmas Gifts

Next weekend, members of our parish Social Concerns group will be offering tastes of fair trade coffee after all the Masses and will be available to answer your questions. Fair trade guarantees a just price to the grower, regardless of swings in the global market. This coffee is grown in Guatemala and Mexico by indigenous farmers who, with the help of Catholic Relief Services, have formed a cooperative to pick, roast and package the naturally organic, shade grown beans they've cultivated for a year. We'll be selling a full pound of house blend or dark roast for \$10; chemical-free decaf for \$11. About half of the price you pay for the coffee goes to the growers so they can support their families.

Remember Thomas Awiapo from Ghana who spoke to us two years ago? The cocoa in fair trade Divine Chocolate bars comes from 47,000 small cocoa farmers in his country! They have formed an organization of cooperatives whose members receive a fair price for their cocoa beans, use no child labor and invest some of the profits in health clinics and sanitation systems. Milk and dark chocolate bars will be \$1.25.

The weather outside may be frightful
but the cocktails at **Women's Guild** will be delightful!
Ornament Exchange (please bring a wrapped ornament)
December 11, 2008 Doors open at 6:30pm Hennessy
Hall Cost: \$10.00 for Open Bar, Dinner & Dessert
RSVP: srwomensguild@yahoo.com
or call Tina Cava at 650-871-8009



St. Robert's Men's Club
Crab Chioppino
Friday December 5th
Doors open at 6:00
\$ 50.00 /person
Price includes drinks, all you can eat chioppino, Seafood Pasta, Salad, Desert and raffle tickets.
Space is limited!!! Please reserve your tickets by either bringing a check to the rectory, or contacting Tim Fuller at:
tim.fuller@rgcreations.com or (650) 280-9800
Note: Pre-paid Men's Club not valid for this event
No Men's Club Meeting Mon Dec 1st



Annual St. Robert's Women's Guild "Breakfast with Santa" Saturday, December 13th

Seating Times: 8:30 am and 10:30 a.m.

Enjoy a full breakfast, raffle, crafts, pictures with Santa and Santa Treats.

Reservations required by Friday December 5th.

Please bring an unwrapped Childs gift for the needy!

Any questions contact Jenny Spataro at jenspataro@aol.com or call (415) 716-5674.

****Tickets will be on sale after the 9:30 a.m. Mass the next 2 weekends.**

FIL-AM CHRISTMAS PARTY

A Dinner and Dance will be held on Saturday, December 13th, at 7p.m. in Hennessy Hall.



Everyone is invited to the night of fine dining and dancing. Also, there will be door prizes. Tickets are now available at \$30 each. Children up to 7 years old are free, 8 to 15 years old at \$10 each.

For more information, please call Dada Gallagher at (650) 871-9063, Veronica Valle at (650) 580-5267 or Encar Sanchez at (650) 588-7153.



THE FIRST ANNUAL ST. ROBERTS GROWNUPS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON- Dec. 17th

The luncheon will be held at the Basque Cultural Center, 559 Railroad Ave., South San Francisco. The cost is \$26 per person. Please send your reservations to Vera Hannon, 440 Madison Ave., San Bruno. The Social Hour will begin at 11 a.m. with lunch to follow at noon.

Hope to see you there!!

****For further information please call Helen Mantler at 589-2497. Reservations must be received by Dec. 8th.**

ADOPT A FAMILY

**This weekend November 29th and 30th
and next weekend December 6th and 7th.**

*If you have the means to share your Christmas spirit
stop by after one of the Masses on those days and pick an ornament.*

If you have any questions please call Rob or Cathy Aveson at 583-4757.



Children's Liturgy Giving Tree



During Advent the Children's Liturgy team will once again be sponsoring a Giving Tree. All parishioners are invited to take an ornament from the tree, purchase the gift suggested by the ornament, and return it to the box under the tree in the church vestibule.

We thank you very kindly for your generous spirit during this wonderful season.



THANK YOU.....

Its time again to thank all the parish folks that contributed to Saint Vincent de Paul's food drive. The food and gift cards were distributed among 70 less fortunate families throughout San Bruno.

Thank you 7th grade for your collecting of food items for this worthy cause.

Thank you to those who bagged the food for delivery.

Thank you Trader Joes for your donation of bags to put the food into for deliver.

Thank you also to: Sue McGuirk, Sande Kitchin, Ann Clifford, Terry Campbell, Pat Daansen, Bill Root, Sandy Mangold, Francis Gilfillian, Nancy McMahon, Yvonne Pierik, John and Ruby Valdez, Maria Canjura, Mary Nunnery, Janet Aldinger, Bunny Moniz, Liz Cesca, Sophie Chester, Tim and Joan King, June Jackson, Pad Davini, Carlo Noce, Caroline Frati, Candi Whooley, Trudy McKenna, Hansell Tomaneng, Carman and Gerry Huddleston who graciously visited the families with the bags of food and the Safeway gift cards.

I also want to thank Carlo Noce for preparing coffee and Barbara Tursi for the snacks, all enjoyed before venturing out to share with our Brothers and Sisters.

Gratefully, The St. Vincent de Paul Society.

2008 Centerplate Schedule

_____ Sunday	December 7 th	49ers vs Jets	8:00 a.m.	1:05 p.m.
_____ Sunday	December 28 th	49ers vs Redskins	8:00 a.m.	1:15 p.m.



Dress Code: Full length Black Slacks (no jeans, capris, spandex), white shirt with collar, closed toe shoes (black or white).

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Sign up on-line at www.saintroberts.org. Click on the Centerplate button.

**As of November 17th we have received
\$57,302.11**

Thanks to the many people who have volunteered.